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National Animal Control Appreciation Week

April 6, 2010 – Waterford, VA – The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is celebrating **National Animal Control Appreciation Week**, April 11-17, by recognizing the hard work and dedication of its Animal Control division.

Established by the National Animal Control Association (NACA), Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is “a national effort to celebrate and promote the continuing advancement in professionalism of Animal Control.”

Animal Control Officers are a vital part of the Loudoun County community, ensuring the safety and welfare of both animals and people in the county. They are responsible for enforcing Virginia State laws, Loudoun County, and town ordinances that pertain to animals. In addition, Animal Control Officers provide emergency services to the entire county and all the towns 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

A day in the life of an Animal Control Officer can include anything from helping reunite stray pets with owners, to investigating cases of animal cruelty and neglect, to rescuing animals in danger. They are hard working professionals whose dedication to Loudoun County's animals and residents is evident in everything they do.

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control would like to take this opportunity to recognize **Animal Control Officers Claudia Berrio, Chris Brosan, Virginia Newsome, Lisa Shaw, Matt Strom, Lead Animal Control Officers Angela Chan and Mark Stacks, Deputy Chief Adrienne Burton, and Chief Animal Control Officer Kim Miller** for all that they do for Loudoun County. Their service and commitment to the County's animals and citizens are second to none.

National Animal Control Appreciation Week is intended as “the week that... hard working and dedicated Animal Control Officers can finally be honored in a way by having the whole community say, “Thank You”, for helping when no one else would or would even know how to.” In this spirit, Loudoun County residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for Animal Control Officers in the community this week and to say “thank you” for a job well done!

To learn more about Loudoun County Animal Control and its Officers, visit www.loudoun.gov/animals and click on “Animal Control”.

The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information can be found online at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

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